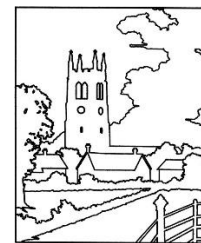




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Parish Council Annual Report. I am pleased to deliver the Parish Council Annual Report. Due to the Coronavirus crisis, it has been two years since my last report, but the Parish Council has managed to function efficiently in that period. We have striven to deliver business as usual and I would like to record my gratitude for the admirable efforts of the Parish Councillors, the outgoing Parish Clerk, Michelle Free and the many Villagers who undertook services, met issues, and pushed initiatives forward. In this period, we lost Simon Goode, Steve Warcup, Shaun Charlton and Erica Field Lucas as Parish Councillors and gained Alan Vaughan, Jeanne Howard and Jamie Petch. The former Councillors served the Village well and assisted in achieving much.

I must also highlight the sterling efforts of the Rippingale Coronavirus Support Group who throughout the past many months have provided assisted to vulnerable and elderly residents, such as picking up supplies, collecting prescriptions, gardening, and other aid. It was a wonderful example of community support, with over 28 volunteers involved and recognised by an award from SKDC. It is also noteworthy that many other villagers helped their neighbours in a similar way.

Turning to Finance. The Parish Council's finances remain in a secure position and we ensure that a viable contingency is preserved to counter unanticipated circumstances. Management of the accounts is properly undertaken by the Council through internal and external Auditors. We have maintained the Precept at the same level for over 4 years. We have worked, with donations from others, in completing a number of projects, which I will talk about.

The first is that we completed our project to improve the provision of play equipment on the Jubilee Playing Field in conjunction with the Jubilee Playing Field Trust. We refurbished the equipment to improve its appeal and also with some costs funded by grants and a Parish Council allocation, supplied fitness equipment and had a safety surface laid on the area, which has improved its habitability and appearance. We have just completed with Parish Council funds, the refurbishment of the tennis court surface and boundary, so now have a court which can be safely used.

Another project which was completed in this period was the erection of a set of 4 new lampposts in the Churchyard; this was funded through sponsorship and project managed by the Parish Council. The War Memorial has also been refurbished and cleaned to ensure that we properly honour the sacrifice of the villagers remembered there.

The Parish Council remains responsible for the majority of the grass and hedge cutting on the public areas in the village, which we have to meet though our budget. We have endeavoured to do this cost effectively by competitively tendering to engage an outside contractor. As we undertake to maintain our village as presentable as possible, I must acknowledge the efforts of many residents who are cutting grassed areas outside their properties.

Successful Communication is essential to the existence of the Village and we have been well served again by our Newsletter and the Village Website. For the former Jamie Petch as editor deserves our thanks, along with the delivery agents. This makes sure this important media aspect continues to update the Village. Similarly no organisation, community or body can operate constructively without a website and Helen Martin has administered an updated the Village Website with talent and much dedication.

Mention should also be made of Derek Diess for adeptly managing the Hospital Car Service when it has run. Recognition is also due to the RGAG for assisting us in responsibly administering the allotments; it should be noted the take up and use of the allotments has been high during the COVID period, providing a much-needed outlet. The Parish Council also sponsors the Rippingale Neighbourhood Plan; we should shortly see the draft Plan going to SKDC and the Government Inspector for ratification and further Village consultation and Referendum. It should be a vehicle to allow the Village to influence any future housing development. We also look forward to working with the Feast Committee in delivering community events, once conditions allow it.

These facets all gel together to produce a beneficial community outlook in Rippingale. Finally, we must look ahead to an active brighter year ahead, to support the Village coming out of a constrictive environment and engender a vigorous, relaxed community.

Bus Shelters. There has been a request from some Villagers for the Parish Council to build bus shelters in the Village, mainly to provide cover for parents and children when waiting for school buses in inclement weather. It is envisaged there should be two large shelters, one at the Dovecot/ Station Street junction and the other outside the Church, where the buses stop. This will be an expensive and complicated process, possibly costing up to £10,000 with local authority permission required. Before committing to feasibility work on this it is requested that Villagers contact me (chairmanrpc4@gmail.com) with their thoughts on such a commitment, to enable the Parish Council to gauge the level of support in committing significant funds to this project.

Vacancies for Parish Councillors. There remain vacancies for two Parish Councillors by co-option. These roles are interesting and satisfying. We are looking for volunteers with a wide variety of skills and backgrounds. If you are interested in contributing to the life of the Village, and would like greater information, please contact me. To be eligible, you must be over 18, on the electoral role and have lived or worked within 3 miles of the Parish for at least 12 months.

Parish Councillor contact details and responsibilities:

Chairman: Cllr Chris Charlton 440986/07908 540683 or chairmanrpc4@gmail.com: General inquiries: Welcome Pack: Rippingale News & Council Newsletter: Neighbourhood Plan: Finance: Grant applications

Cllr Alan Vaughan 440056/07966 584568: Jubilee Playing Field Maintenance: Neighbourhood Plan: Liaison, Village Hall Management Committee,

Cllr Jeanne Howard 07738 719400 Liaison, Village Hall Management Committee, Defibrillator

Cllr Jamie Petch 440497/07808 094317. Allotments Liaison and Parochial Church Council Liaison.

Meetings:

General Meeting Thursday 16 th September	General Meeting Thursday 14 th October	Draft Precept and Budget Meeting Thursday 11 th November
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Meetings to be held in the Village Hall at **7.00 pm** unless otherwise stated. When necessary social distancing and other measures are in place.

Please see the Council Noticeboard and Website for the Agenda and details of any changes.

Latest Planning Applications (view at www.southkesteven.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=8170):

S20/0677 Application for alterations to loft space to create office space/boardroom and associated works to Old School building 20 High Street - pending
S20/1103 Erection of new detached building at the Willows Care Home – pending
S21/1069 Demolition of garage and erection of extension at 4 Doctor's Lane – granted
S21/1463 Outline application for residential development at 83 Station Street – pending
S21/1536 Garage conversion to ground floor bedroom 9 Doctor's Lane - pending

Hospital Car Scheme. My appeal for up to three new drivers contained in the August newsletter has unfortunately gone unanswered. The success of the scheme relies on volunteers, the fewer we have the more likely it is that the scheme will have to come to an end.

If you can spare some time, hold a full driving licence, and have full comprehensive insurance then please do get in touch. Thankyou Derek R. Diess 01778 4400063

Rippingale and District Friendship Club. Our recent Mystery trip went ahead, and we were fortunate to have glorious weather believe it or not! Our final destination was the City of Norwich. There was a stop off at Dobbie's Garden Centre at Kings Lynn for coffee and comfort break. We had 3hrs to explore Norwich which is a very interesting City. It wasn't till we were almost back to Bourne before we experienced any rain. A&P travel provided us with an excellent service as usual.

Thank you to all who supported us and look forward to seeing you on the next trip. The club is up and running again thanks to government guidelines being lifted the Village Hall is adhering to all safety measures. This week in addition to the usual fun quiz and bingo we were treated to a cream tea. Our next meeting is AGM 2pm on Wednesday 18th August. Meetings in September are on 1st 15th and 29th new members are always welcome. Why not pop in and see what we are about? Our next day trip is on Tuesday 7th Sept Destination Ely and Maddingley leaving Billingborough at 9am local pickups through to Bourne, leaving Bourne 9.30am £15pp. For further details please contact me on 01529 241358. Regards, Audrey Brewin



Rippingale Car Treasure Hunt

Unfortunately, the Rippingale car treasure hunt failed to raise enough support, so the event on the 8th August had to be cancelled.

A3 maps and question sheets were already prepared, so if anyone wishes to buy one for £1, you can collect one and do the course at your leisure.

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ST ANDREWS CHURCH RIPPINGALE

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SEPTEMBER SERVICES.

12th September 11am Eucharist

26th September 3pm Harvest Festival

OCTOBER SERVICES.

5th October 3pm Pet Service

17th October 11am Eucharist

Latest News. We now have a new roof covering on our Chancel. This is not to the original specifications, but it still has a warranty for over 15 years. This felt roof is something we could afford ourselves thanks to all the fund raising done by the community and will prevent any damage to the work already done.

We still hope in the long term to receive grant money for the roof as specified originally, but with time now on our side perhaps we can apply for a bigger grant so we can have toilets and kitchen facilities.

The PCC is in the process of looking into our crystal ball assessing how the future for the Church will transpire. To be perfectly blunt it's all down to money and how much our Church is prepared to pay per annum to Lincoln. This will then decide the type and how many services we will receive a month. Obviously if our Rector has to look after more Churches then communion services may become a thing of the past. If you want more clarification, please don't hesitate to contact any of the above and we will do our best to help.

COFFEE MORNINGS continue to be a success considering the difficult time we live in and they will continue to be the First Tuesday of each month. Not only are there fresh vegetables but also other home cooked products on sale. It's a date not to be missed (Tuesday 7th September)

You will notice we have a PET SERVICE so to all pets please bring along your owners this will certainly be different and fun. Refreshments will be available to pets and perhaps owners if they behave!! Again, any pets wishing to discuss please contact Churchwardens

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Are YOU a member of St Andrew's Church 200 Club, an easy way to support your Village Church for just £20 per number a year with a chance to be in the money just like the winners below. The new Club year starts on September 1st with the next draw being on September 7th so join NOW by contacting Jonathan or Christine (01778 441211). New members will be given numbers as soon as possible.

Winners for August

£200 Mr J Hollister (2)

£100 Mrs M Jessop (78)

£100 Mr N Morgan (79)

£50 Mrs M Whiten (184)

£50 Mr Pearson (67)

Yoga with Anna Fornal

Rippingale Village Hall.

Tuesdays 9.30-11am

Fridays 9.30-11am

- Booking essential
- £10 PAYG or £8 in block booking
- All abilities welcome

Breathwork, mindful postures and relaxation to help us cope with everyday life challenges! Join my friendly groups, escape from the chaos, take a break, log out, switch off, make time for your self-care and relax... Feel unwound and unbound, physically and mentally – breathe better, feel better, and enjoy a sense of renewed energy and calm. Feel like a human BE-ing rather than a human DO-ing!

Contact Anna: 07716 000304 / 01529 497626, anna.fornal@hotmail.co.uk or visit www.annafornalyoga.co.uk

Report of WI Zoom meeting for Rippingale & District for July 2021. President Rachel welcomed members to our monthly zoom meeting and then introduced the speaker for the evening, Professor Alyson Brown. Alyson began her academic career at Hull University obtaining a master's degree in historical Research & a PhD on Penal Policy. Her talk was entitled 'The Bobbed-haired bandit & the Smash & Grab raider. They were both criminals around the 1920's at the time when women were beginning to gain their own independence. The bobbed haired bandit was described as: provocative, wildly intelligent, alluring, could operate a gun and drive a car. All ideal attributes for a mobster! In the business conducted afterwards President Rachel confirmed that meetings in Rippingale Hall are to resume in September with Zoom also being available for those unable to attend in person. Our speaker for the evening will be Lorraine Appleton with a talk on 'Upcycling Clothes'. Also, at September's meeting we will be able to resume the collection of bottle tops, stamps, foodbank items together with a new campaign 'TerraCycle. This is the collection of empty tablet blister packs of medication meaning that less plastic goes to landfill. Members who have been knitting scarves for the homeless are asked to take their completed work to the meeting for distribution. Annette was wished many happy returns for the big birthday she celebrates this month. Also, Rebecca, Janet, & Margaret W, those members celebrating in August, were mentioned at this time as there will be no members meeting in August. Each WI in South Lincolnshire Federation has been sent a pennant which they asked to decorate in a way to represent their own WI & community. Jeannie has materials but is looking for members assistance in the design. Chris T has been organising groups, following the government guidelines, to chat & socialise over a 'cuppa'. Our thanks go to her for organising all of them and getting us back together again. Lastly, the visit to a pantomime in December is going ahead for members and further information will follow. Don't forget there is no meeting in August but mark your diary for **2nd September** when we return to Rippingale Hall at 7.30pm. If anyone has felt lonely during lockdown and you think that our WI could provide some much-needed friendships, please do not hesitate to contact us. Enquiries to: - radwi@btinternet.com.

*Please submit entries by the 14th of the month to the Editor: Jamie Petch at rippingalenews@hotmail.com
Items for the Village Website: Please mark your email 'Website' and send to
rippingale.pariah.lincolnshire.gov.uk for T&Cs*